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MINING AND OIL NEWS.

STEEPLE ROCK MINE AGAIN ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Many Forgotten Claims Are Producers—Companies Start Development.

The Steeple Rock mining district is the scene of much activity at this time, and it is a striking illustration of the revival of an old almost abandoned district. Twenty-five years ago it had a boom when the Carlisle mine was the talk of the country. Then the boom died and the Carlisle was almost forgotten. Now people have invaded the district, which now has the advantage of railroad facilities. They have the most modern methods of ore treatment and an abundance of capital. The new era has dawned.

N. K. Fairbank Once Owned Mine.
This district is 19 miles east of Duncan, Ariz., the nearest railroad station, but it is in the extreme west part of Grant county, N. M. The Steeple Rock mountains rise about 2000 feet above the Gila valley. In 1880 gold was first found in this district and the famous Carlisle mine was opened. It was owned by N. K. Fairbanks, of Chicago, who erected a 60 stamp mill, which was run till 1894. The mine produced during that time about \$1,500,000 in gold and silver.

In 1895 the old Carlisle company sold its entire holdings to the London Exploration Co., limited, the main owners of which are the Rothschilds, who soon abandoned the property, as the modern methods of concentration and separation were not known at that time.

Gold Vein Is Long.
The veins of the Carlisle group outcrop for a distance of five miles. The main ore shoot, where the main shaft was sunk, is said to be 18 feet wide and averages \$12 in gold and silver per ton. This shoot is over 1000 feet long and ore was often encountered running in the hundreds of dollars per ton.

Adjoining on the east are the properties of the American Exploration and Mining company, of Boston, which is working 20 men and has opened up a vein 15 feet wide of gold ore. A number of openings are being made, and shafts, drifts and tunnels are being worked at different places. Plans are already made to install a large mill and cyanide plant.

Mine Development Work.
The Summit vein, said to outcrop a distance of 15 miles, is in a direction parallel to the other veins, and but a short distance east.

Considerable development work has been done on the Summit claim and several thousand feet on other claims. The ore is free milling gold and silver ore. The vein is 12 feet wide.

The Laura mine is a mile west of the Carlisle, from which several thousand tons were shipped to the smelters and also to the Carlisle mill for treatment. The ore being silicious was in demand for converter linings in the copper smelters.

A Dutch company has purchased the Alabama group and is developing them.



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with the intention of installing a mill and cyanide plant.
The Twin Peaks Mining and Milling company is prosecuting development work on a group of claims acquired in the same district.

CANANEA COPPER COMPANY MAKES MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Is Operating Electric Train in Tunnel To Be Three Miles Long; Santa Fe and George Dunn Make Strike.

Cananea, Son., Mex., May 24.—The Cananea Consolidated Copper company has shut down furnaces Nos. 3 and 4 to permit minor repairs. For the past month, the full capacity of eight furnaces, has been in operation. The output for May promises to exceed April, which was \$391,000 pounds of copper.

Work has been commenced on the new boiler shops. The main building will be 120 by 40 feet in size, and will be equipped with the latest machinery. Work is progressing on the new reboiler furnace, the cement work is almost completed and the steel work will soon be in place.

Electric trains are now operating in the Eliza tunnel. This tunnel is one of the longest in the camp, connecting the Veta with the Eliza, and will be completed in the near future. When completed it will be over three miles in length.

George Dunn, who is operating in the Ojo mountains, has reached his ledge and is enthusiastic over conditions at his property.

The Santa Fe has made another strike at its Montoya mine which is one mile west from the Santa Fe shaft. Twelve feet of ore was encountered in the shaft, which runs 25 ounces in silver, 18.3 percent lead and 10.9 percent zinc. The formation at the property is similar to that of the Calumet and Sonora, and the mine promises to become a large producer.

ACTIVITY IN SONORA MINES

Many Experts in Vicinity of Navajo Prospecting for Capitalists.

Navajo, Son., May 24.—A good evidence of the interest that is being taken in mining matters in this section is shown in the reported purchase from the Pacific Smelting and Mining company by the General Development company, controlled by Adolph Lewisohn and associates, of a block of stock sufficient to control the Pacific company for the sum of \$600,000. The Pacific company's holdings are copper properties about 40 miles north of Navajo, a large smelter at Fundacion, erected at a cost of \$400,000, and coal and timber lands and lime quarries on the west coast of Mexico.

There is a large amount of ore already on the dumps in this district that could be treated for profit at Fundacion, but is not rich enough to stand the haul to the states.

Oliver Roberts, a prominent mining engineer of San Francisco, has been in this district for the past two weeks examining copper properties for eastern capitalists. Mr. Roberts has had wide experience in the mining districts of the world, including South America and Alaska, and thinks this the most highly mineralized section that he has seen, and predicts a bright future for the entire section.

E. C. Grassy, of Nogales, passed through Navajo on his way to Culiacan, where he has mining interests. Edgar A. Haggart, consulting engineer of the Yuma Copper company, in Arizona, has been here for the past two or three days examining properties for Michigan capitalists.

O. E. Wheeling, who owns large interests in the Sobia district, was a Navajo visitor this week and reports a great deal of activity in that district. The Jacintas is working full force and have enough high grade ore blocked out to keep the mill going indefinitely.

The La Junta is working a force of 50 men and are making regular shipments of high grade ore to the smelter at El Paso.

ENGLISH COMPANY MAY BUY BUENA TIERRA MINE.
Chihuahua, Mex., May 24.—R. M. Raymond, E. M. of Mexico City, the general representative of the Exploration company of England and Mexico, one of the biggest mining corporations in the world, is here on business connected with his company's deal for the purchase of the Buena Tierra mine in the Sta. Eulalia camp. The Buena Tierra is one of the great mines of the famous camp and belongs to the Sta. Exploration company of California. If the mine is sold it will be the second biggest deal ever pulled off in Sta. Eulalia.

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MANY PRODUCERS IN MOHAVE VALLEY, ARIZONA

J. P. Hutchinson, Experienced Mexico Miner, Tells of Conditions.

J. P. Hutchinson, who two years ago disposed of most of his interests in the famous San Toy mines at Santa Eulalia, near Chihuahua, Mex., is in El Paso enroute to his home in Chicago. He has been on a visit to his properties in Mohave county, Arizona, where he states considerable development work is in progress.

"I am now operating," he said, "in the Weaver district, 27 miles north of Chihuahua, Mohave county, where about two years ago I purchased the Hall mine. Myself and associates have acquired altogether twelve properties in a group and are incorporated as the Mohave Gold Mining company.

Heavy With Gold.
"Development work, which is progressing with a force of 20 men, consists of a shaft 330 feet deep with a drift 125 feet at the 50 foot level, and considerable other work, all of which is in ore. On the outside claims of the group are numerous workings, all showing porphyry and all of which are producing. A general sampling of the principal workings gave \$11.17, \$45.16 and \$42.97 in free gold. Some of the high grade ore runs \$10,000 a ton in gold.

Geology.
"The veins are fissures in granite with a nearly east and west strike. The largest vein is 14 feet wide and the general average width of the veins is five feet. The granite is comparatively soft and through it are intrusive dikes of porphyry and rhyolite. Crosscutting through the rhyolite dikes are on the opposite side.

"I have just bought an electric plant, drills, compressors, gasoline engine and other machinery to install at the mine, and will continue sinking to 1000 feet.

Nearly Rich Properties.
"In the vicinity of our properties are very rich gold mines, such as the Great Western to the south; the Mocking Bird, on which the shaft is being sunk, at 40 miles north of Navajo, including the Salt Lake company. Our mine is making 5000 to 8000 gallons of water, which is a good thing as we have the only available water in the camp.

"To the south is also the Gold Roads mine, owned by the Rothschilds and managed by Leslie Phillips, formerly of El Paso, which I think is the greatest gold mine I have seen. It had yielded \$2,500,000 in 1907. The vein is in places 25 feet wide of solid ore, and drifts are a mile and a half in extent, all in ore.

"Near this is the Tom Reed mine, which with only ten stamps is making as much gold as the Gold Roads 40 stamp mill, and is one of the most perfect I have ever seen. It is the first one in Arizona with the Pachuca agitators. The ore doesn't stop until 94 percent of the values are extracted. The tailings after they run over the plates contain \$17, which is caught by the cyanide.

Goletando a Valuable Mine.
"The Goletando is one of the wonders, and, besides the gold and silver contents, it carries 45 per cent zinc and ships 500 tons of ore a month.

"Nearly all the turquoise mined in the United States comes from the Mineral Park mines in Mohave county, which last year yielded over \$100,000 worth of turquoise.

"The U. S. Smelting company is going to build a large smelter at Chihuahua and has been acquiring a number of properties in the district."

Mr. Hutchinson expects an interest in the company purchasing the San Toy mines from him. The price was \$3,000,000. While managing the property Mr. Hutchinson built an aerial tramway costing \$250,000, four and a half miles long from the mine down to a short standard gauge railroad, connecting with the National Central. The tramway has a daily capacity of 750 tons of ore.

The San Toy is the heaviest shipper in the state of Chihuahua, and was developed to a depth of 1200 feet with rich ore at the bottom.

MEXICO ZINC MARKET DULL.

Chihuahua, Mex., May 23.—The market for zinc ore and concentrates in Mexico is practically dead, as the representatives of European buyers are taking no orders except what is tied up in contracts. The German market is expected to use up its oversupply soon and enter the Mexican market again.

The two biggest zinc mining concerns in this state, the Potosi Mining company at Sta. Eulalia and the Calera Mining company, are still shipping to the United States. The former concern has a long term contract for its ores from paint works in Wisconsin.

STRIKES RICH COPPER.
Bisbee, Ariz., May 23.—Ore running between 12 and 15 percent copper was found at the 1350 foot level of the Penn-Arizona mine. The quantity of ore found is said to be large.

BLACK RANGE MINES ACTIVE

Promoters Installing Treating Plant—Old Camp Takes on New Life.

Vance Carothers, a mining engineer, who has just returned from the Black Range mining district, 12 miles north of Fairview, N. M., states while the Black Range camp is an old camp, it is in reality a new one, for the reason that heretofore there has been no transportation only permitted the shipment of 250 ore and upward. Conditions are changing, as the Black Range Reduction works is now putting in a custom mill to treat the ores of lower grade. The plant will be built at Fairview and will be in operation in about 60 days.

Prospectors Busy.
Mr. Carothers also states there are some very prominent veins which the old prospectors have been working and there are at least 12 shafts down over 100 feet. The deepest shaft in is the Ivanhoe, which is down about 300 feet. "From my observations made here," he said, "the ore will go about \$18 to \$20 in gold and silver, the gold values predominating. I have located some veins and the samples of ore run at least \$30 a ton. I met several prominent mining engineers there last winter and they all visited and all were enthusiastic. This reduction plant company has bought and remodeled an old mill, but it will also erect a 100 ton custom mill.

The United States treasury mine has reached a depth of 400 feet and is richer ore than above. It is the Chloride camp and on the same mineral belt where I was. The United States treasury vein can be traced 18 miles to the north end of the Black Range, and a number of prominent mines have been located on it.

Better Than Cripple Creek.
"I was a pioneer of the Cripple Creek district, Colo., and I think the Black Range camp is ahead of all the other stages of development. Everything depends on the new reduction plant. The ores are there in abundance.

Mr. Jobe, of Kansas City, is operating a rich porphyry mine near the mill site and working on the mill. The mine is working 30 men, and the Black Range Reduction company is working 10; Minnie and Bullion mines, besides about 15 men on the new mill. The Colorado and the Black Range have taken a hand on the Ivanhoe mine. John McCann, an old Cripple Creek mining man, has a hand on the Gold Reserve, and Mr. Sisty has a hand on the Republic mine.

OIL LAND TAKEN UP NEAR LA LUZ

California, La Luz and Alamogordo Men Interested in the Work.

Alamogordo, N. M., May 24.—J. H. Rogers, J. L. Haffner, Charles Johnson and associates, of Los Angeles, Cal., have secured valuable oil land holdings near La Luz amounting to about 2000 acres.

Interested with them is Charles Meyer, of La Luz, merchant; J. C. Jones, proprietor of the Southwest hotel at Alamogordo, and also lessee of the Clouderoff lodge, and a few other local men.

The intention of these operators is to get a standard rig to develop the field at once, and to push work as rapidly as possible. J. F. Milner is in charge of the land selections, and has been working on the quiet for the past two weeks. The recording of contracts, locations, and leases is evidence that they are in earnest.

BIG JUDGMENT FOR BELL AGAINST CASEY

Mining Company Partnership Results in Award of \$23,250 for Bell.

Following a trial lasting three weeks, the jury in the case of J. B. Bell vs. J. P. Casey, Jr., returned a verdict for the plaintiff for the sum of \$23,250 in the 34th district court.

The suit was for one-half the receipts received by Casey for the sale of stock in the Carman Consolidated Copper company, in which Casey and Casey, Jr., were partners. Casey contended that the money had been paid to him by W. J. Power, an old Mexican contract miner, and was not for the sale of stock.

The case was originally filed in the 41st district court on February 17, 1909, and was twice set for trial but the plaintiff secured continuances and finally the case was transferred to the 34th district court.

During the trial of the case, W. J. Power was arrested on a charge of perjury and was arraigned before justice J. C. McClintock, who dismissed the charge.

CALUMET AND ARIZONA MAKES RICH ORE STRIKE

Zinc Ore Runs as High as 90 Percent, Causing Purchase of Additional Machinery to Work Property.

Cananea, Son., Mexico, May 24.—The Calumet and Sonora Mining company has encountered rich lead-zinc ore on its 400 level, which is the same as that on the 200 level, averaging between 80 and 90 percent mineral. Twenty feet have been cut in the drift and the ore is still as rich as when first opened.

When encountered the ore was 11-1/2 feet in width, and it has now widened out to such an extent that the size is not known. This ore is not being milled as the mill has all it can do to handle the ore from the 300 level, but is being placed on the dump and especially for the separation of the chalcocites from the lead and zinc. All the concentrates will carry on an average, 35 ounces of silver.

This week the shipments will amount to 250 tons of concentrates, the lead being shipped to Germany, while the zinc goes to the smelter at De Paw, Ill.

This property is considered to be one of the richest zinc mines in the western hemisphere, as all the ore averages between 80 and 90 percent zinc.

BISBEE MINER MAKES FIND.
Bisbee, Ariz., May 24.—Vincent Tintorin, an ordinary miner a few months ago, has returned to Bisbee as a rich

OLD BOWIE MINE IS DISCOVERED?

A Depression Near Brady Leads Into Abandoned Shaft—Tools Found.

Brady, Texas, May 24.—J. T. Morgan has uncovered what he believes to be the famous Bowie mine on his ranch near Menardville, where on a hillside he found a peculiar depression leading into a cave or shaft, which had been carefully covered up on some former occasion. Cleaning it out a distance of 20 feet deep and 30 feet laterally, it showed what was originally a natural fissure that had been worked out artificially. Ancient bones and a glass globe were found at the bottom of the shaft.

W. H. Withers has opened up a similar shaft a few hundred yards distant, in which were found eight human skeletons. These shafts are three miles from the old dam and furnace on San Saba river, which have been one of the curious sights of Menardville since its first establishment.

Grubstaked in San Antonio. History records that during the Spanish occupancy of Texas in the eighteenth century, the Spaniards were rich silver mines in the vicinity. But the hostility of the Indians was such as to compel their abandonment soon after the Mexican independence. In 1835 James Bowie fitted out a party in San Antonio to reopen these mines. His famous fight with the Indians in what is now McCulloch county, and his agreement with the Indian chief to abandon the search for the mine and be unmolested if he returned home, is an incident in Texas history. Since then many have sought for the so-called old Bowie mines, but in vain. The old furnace where the ores were smelted and the old Spanish dam, old mining tools, and an old cannon used for defense of the camp have been found near the river, all pointing strongly to proximity of the old mines and lending plausibility to the Morgan discovery.

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MINE WILL BUILD RAILROAD IN PARRAL DISTRICT.

English Company Owning San Francisco del Oro Announces Improvements—Will Branch From Parral and Durango.

Chihuahua, Mex., May 24.—W. S. Harrison and Jas. E. Hyslop, of the San Francisco del Oro mines, Ltd., of London, which owns the mines of the same name in the Parral district, were here.

Mr. Harrison had just returned from England, and he stated that work would be commenced at once by his company to build a railroad line from the Parral & Durango railroad to the mines, and to prepare as far as practicable for the construction of the 200 ton reduction plant decided upon.

This line of railroad will be about six miles long and will be a narrow gauge track, as the Parral & Durango is of that gauge. The roadbed will be made so as to take a third track later, as the company plans to extend its line farther to connect with the Parral-Santa Barbara branch of the National Railways.

The San Francisco del Oro is one of the best developed properties in northern Mexico. Vast bodies of ore are blocked out, the principal values of which are in gold.

While here Mr. Harrison and Mr. Hyslop visited the Mania Minth company's property in Santa Eulalia.

EIGHT FOOT COAL VEIN FOUND NEAR ASHERTON.

An eight foot vein of very fine semi-bituminous coal has been discovered in the vicinity of Asherton, La Salle county, Tex. The coal seam was found at a depth of 80 feet while drilling for an artesian well. The coal is said to be of about the grade of Pittsburg semi-bituminous coal. Asherton is connected by a short railroad with the International & Great Northern railroad.

NEBRASKA BUYS CATTLE FOR FEEDING IN EL PASO.

Ed H. Ross, a prominent cattleman of Nebraska has been here for the past week buying cattle to send to his Nebraska ranch for fattening. Through Brooks & Leavelle he has purchased 50,000 worth of west Texas and New Mexico stock.

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MINISTERS PLAN FOR MASS MEETING

All Local Protestant Pastors Will Join in July 3d Exercises.

There is to be a big open air religious mass meeting of the various protestant churches of El Paso on the night of July 3. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Pastors' union held Monday afternoon.

Rev. Chapin S. Wright, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, will deliver the patriotic sermon for the occasion, and Rev. Charles L. Overstreet and members of the First Presbyterian church will have charge of the balance of the program, the music being furnished by the First Christian church, while the First Baptist church with Rev. Robert Bruce Smith as pastor will have charge of the singing.

The services will be held at the Cleveland square, the pastors of the various churches being seated on the platform of the bandstand, while the choir will also have a place there.

Nearly every detail will be carried out in a manner similar to the services held last July 4th, when Rev. Robert Bruce Smith was the preacher.

Following the decision to hold the service, the pastors elected Rev. Henry Easter, pastor of St. Clement's Episcopal church, as president for the ensuing year, and Howard B. Durkee of the Y. M. C. A., secretary.

CHIHUAHUA MAN NAMED JUAREZ POLICE CORPORAL.

Miguel Urias, of Chihuahua, has been appointed corporal of police by comandante Ponce de Leon of the Juarez force. Mr. Urias arrived in the border city a few days ago and now has taken up his new duties. His appointment is an addition to the force, the two former corporals remaining as before.

MAR CHEW MOVES RESTAURANT.

Mar Chew served no breakfasts Monday for the first time in many, many years. Mar is moving. When moving day comes around, breakfasts must wait. The Chinese restaurant is fixing a new place for his establishment further up El Paso street. The electric fans stopped for the first time in a good many Chinese moons Monday morning and number of Mar's regular customers were forced to hunt elsewhere for their morning coffee.

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